

THE SUN DOGS

A STARTLING SIGHT IN THE SKY ON WEDNESDAY

"Curse on the fog! Is there never a wind of all the winds I know To clear the smother front of my chest, and let me look at the blue?"

The good fog heard—like a splitten sail, to left and right she tore, And they saw the sun-dogs in the haze and the seal upon the shore."

—Kipling.

Wednesday, the 3rd, a marvel was to be observed in the heavens, after the fog had lifted. There were three distinct suns in the sky with a sharply outlined white circle extending through the three suns and stretching around the entire horizon. There were other curves and rainbows. The heavens remained lit up in this way for about an hour. There was some haze. The three suns formed such a sight as the optical illusion that is experienced by drunk men. No one seemed to have ever seen anything like this before.

The two moon suns are known as sun-dogs and the sight is common in the northern countries.

We find the following definition: Parheliion: A mock sun appearing in the form of a bright light near the sun, usually with the prismatic colors, and sometimes having a luminous train. Two or more parhelia are generally seen at the same time, in connection with solar halos, both being due to ice crystals in the air.

Rainbows are common in this latitude but so far as we can tell this is the first time in the memory of man that there has been rain bow effects with no rain. The morning was cool.

NEW METHOD IN POSTOFFICE

Pocahontas County forms a District with Marlinton Central Office.

Beginning with the quarter ending September 30, all the postoffices in Pocahontas County form a District. Marlinton is known as the Central Accounting office, and each of the other offices as a district office. There are forty-three postoffices in the county.

The postoffices in the county are to be supplied from the Marlinton office and are to send into that office their accounts where they will be audited and forwarded to the Auditor's office at Washington.

The light plant has been taken over by the town. At the council meeting Monday night Mr. King resigned as councilman in order to accept the position of manager of the light plant. The salary was fixed at \$100 per month, and he gave a bond of \$1000 for the faithful performance of his duties. Mr. King will have control of the plant, see to making repairs, and the collection of bills. He will make a monthly accounting to the town council and his checks are to be countersigned by the mayor. The money received for light and water will be kept in a fund separate from the tax money. Mr. King has had experience in running this plant and is thoroughly capable.

Z. S. Smith's racing mare, Lythma Belle, cleaned up the fast race at the Elkins Fair last week. On last Wednesday in the free for all race, she distanced all comers and won a handsome purse. This horse made a fine showing at the White Sulphur and Hillsboro fairs but they lacked proper training. At Elkins she showed what she could do when in racing trim.

On the Cheat Mountain road last week, a locomotive turned completely over, but strange to relate no one was hurt. The engine was crossing a bridge and the stringer broke. The fireman jumped, but the engineer turned on a full head of steam in an attempt to get across. However, the engine turned turtle completely, and out of the clouds of steam crawled the engineer without a scratch on him.

Advertised letters, Marlinton, Oct. 4.—Miss Hazel Shrou, Mildred Sanders, T. E. Spinks, Miss Mary Harwick, Dua Domenico Angelo.

TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED

The Other Train goes Back on Greenbrier Division:

A schedule has been figured on by the local officials looking to put back the trains on the Greenbrier Division to correspond to those known as 141 and 144 which was taken off July 15. It is thought that the service will be resumed October 15. We could not learn anything definite about it but this is what we expect:

The train will run on week days and start from Winterburn about 7 and reach Marlinton around about nine in the morning and returning will leave Ronceverte about 2:15 reaching Marlinton about five o'clock.

Application has been made for mail at Marlinton for new train.

Since the above was put in type the following order has been received by all agents:

On the new time table to go into effect October 14th, trains 141 and 144 will run daily, trains 142 and 143 daily except Sunday.

MARRIED

The marriage of Miss Bessie Kellison to Mr. George Chappell was solemnized September 20, 1917, at River View, by Rev. Wm. T. Price, D. D. To the sweet strains of the wedding march played by Miss Richardson, the wedding party led by Miss Grace Kellison, of Richmond, Va., sister of the bride, and Mr. H. H. Hopkins, ascended the stairway where all were met by the venerable minister who performed the ceremony—this being over one thousand ceremonies performed by him. Congratulations and best wishes follow these happy young people.

Married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. W. D. Keene, on September 13, 1917, Mr. Ivin W. Gum and Miss Julia H. Howerton; and Mr. Lacy M. Bryant and Miss Tina L. Sharp.

On September 26, Mr. William L. Conrad and Miss Stella G. Orndorff.

On September 27, Mr. Bedford L. Shinaberry and Miss Drusilla Z. Grimes.

Married, at the Edray parsonage, October 3, 1917, by Rev. M. H. Ramsey, Rev. W. A. Grogg and Miss Bertha Baxter. May this couple enjoy a long and prosperous life as their many friends bid them God speed.

Married, at the Edray parsonage October 3, 1917, Edwin Russell Hannah and Miss Eula Mary Hannah, Rev. M. H. Ramsey, officiating. May this young couple enjoy a long and prosperous life is the wish of their many friends.

Ormen McElwee, writing to his cousin, Howard McElwee, says he made the trip to Camp Lee, and when they landed there nine car loads of them, and that there must be 30,000 men at camp. He and Billy Cole are buddies. He has been assigned to the 305 French Mortar Battery, 155 Brigade Field Artillery. He says to tell any who may ask about him that he is O. K. and hopes to be in France soon.

A reward of \$50 is payable for the delivery of a deserter at the nearest army camp or post. Every man who fails to report for duty at the time specified by the Local Board is classed as a deserter.

The State Board of Control will receive offers for sites for the "State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium." They want 500 or more acres of land, high altitude, on good railroad, with plenty of water.

Walter A. Snow, general secretary of the State Sunday School Association, will hold rallies in all the districts of the county in the near future. The times and places will be announced later.

MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. D. Keene, Pastor. Sunday School promptly at 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The members of the church are urged to be present at the regular monthly communion at the morning hour. Sermon subjects are "St. Paul's Appeal for a Godly Life," and God's Messengers."

Epworth League at 7 o'clock. The Junior Missionary Society meets with Eleanor Wilson, Saturday October 6 at 3 o'clock.

AT LAST

Inscribed to my friend, Mrs. C. H. B. of Baltimore.

BY ANNA L. PRICE

And what is the first thing you will do When Heaven is gained at last? I asked a lady whom I love— And a smile o'er her sweet face passed.

"I will just sit down in that heavenly home, For a million of years or so, And only listen and listen again— The least of his saints, you know.

I have lived long in this lower vale, And no sound has come to me; No voice of prayer in the church of Christ, And no sacred melody.

The laugh of children, my own dear bairns, Was for others who could hear; And the pleasant interchange of thought, A blessing that came not near.

And then I will seek our brother Paul, And ask him to explain Some things in his grand epistles, That hard to me remain.

In the perfect home to which we go, All matters will accord; Our Bible teaches we shall see, And hear their every word.

These smitten ears—God knoweth best, 'Tis a silent world to me; But in heaven above—to hear, to hear! How beautiful it will be.

I pitted my friend and rejoiced with her, That Heaven would compensate; And gazed on her patient hopeful smile, For the blessing that cometh late.

Marlinton, W. Va.

EDRAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The following pupils have enrolled since our last report:

Clara Haupt, Cass; Page White, Bridgewater; Allen Sharp, Edray; Alva Johnson and Viola Johnson, Warwick; Nellie Kellison, Buckeye. The previous enrollment was 58. Total enrollment is 74.

The following pupils are enrolled in Junior High School: Gladys Arbogast, Laura Heard, Gladys Clark, Ella East, Alice McClinton, Gertrude Overholt, Pauline Smith, Delphia Snedegar, Rebecca Sydnor, Mildred Yeager, Mary Louise Johnston, Clark Keene, Craig Richardson, Clive Wooddell, Armet Yeager and Floyd Rucker. Total 16.

The Board of Education has provided eighty desks for pupils. They have been filled and forty camp chairs are being used.

Edray District High is doing "more than its bit" in the war by carrying out President Wilson's appeal for July 12. "Those who fall below the age of conscription may feel that by persevering their courses with diligence, they also are preparing themselves for valuable service to the nation. I urge upon young people to avail themselves this year of the opportunities offered in schools, to the end that in the future this country may not lack an adequate supply of trained men and women."

Rev. Geo. P. Moore conducted the first chapel service of the year on September 17. His message contained inspiring remarks for all.

Revs. Walker and Keene, the resident pastors, led the devotional exercises this week. These ministers bring us words of helpfulness.

Robert Paul Lowe and Hubert Nash Lowry—both were employed to teach in E. D. H. S. this year and both have been called to the "colors."

Mr. Lowe's work as assistant county agent greatly aided in establishing a warm feeling for this school in the district. Mr. Lowry's live teaching won for him much friendly feeling among the student body.

Miss Sadie Guseman of the Extension Department, of West Virginia University spent the week end as the guest of her sister, Miss Guseman's lecture on Prevention of Food Waste, on Monday night, was of much interest.

Under date of September 26, Lloyd Buzzard writes from Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., to Howard McElwee. He and his brother Harry and Sterling McElwee are in the same company. It is no longer the Second West Virginia, but Co. E. 150 U. S. Infantry. Harry Buzzard is driving a Six National with a machine gun squad, and Sterling McElwee is with the aerial service. If he is in France, Lloyd expects to be able to come home Christmas.

SOMEBOY'S CARELESSNESS

is quite likely to blame for the burning of the many automobiles that are utterly ruined by catching fire, but in most cases that somebody is not going to reimburse the owner for its loss, but the Aetna Insurance Co., will, however, if you will allow us to furnish you with one of our automobile Policies. It costs but a trifle and affords absolute protection against money loss.

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TO GO CAMP LEE ON FRIDAY

- 258 Benjamin Keln, Dunmore.
- 609 Forrest A. Simmons, Deer Creek.
- 245 J. L. Hever, Cleveland, Lick.
- 1173 Geo. D. Rimmel, Rimmel.
- 1222 Andrew Foss Hill, Lobelia.
- 302 John W. Miller, Buckeye.
- 1412 Joseph H. Reynolds, Denmar.
- 1218 Russell Kelley, Frost.
- Thomas Susco, Thoroughgood.
- 1432 Otto Adkinson, Spots.
- 585 Clarence L. Tibor, Spruce.
- 879 Marvin H. Wilgus, Marlinton.
- 381 Leslie Vaughn Sharp, Dunmore.
- 1217 John Cecil Anglin, Buckeye.
- 1112 Robert Lee Kester, Dunmore.
- 1448 Lanty John McCoy, Spots.
- 1164 Clarence B. Moore, Huntersville.
- 282 Parker Lee Curry, Cass.
- 283 Ascy E. Cassel, Cass.
- 1185 Edward Freeman, Wintersville.
- 576 Tiffin Mullenan, Oceoco.
- 944 Barius Hogan, Clover Lick.
- 700 Edward Freeman, Bartow.
- 974 Cecil B. Shinnaberry, Clover Lick.
- 1079 James Aldrich, Buckeye.
- 1167 Fred B. Moore, Huntersville.
- 848 Edgar E. McMillion, Cass.
- 1205 Oley W. Jackson, August.
- 1240 Sherman H. Moore, Millpoint.
- 677 Joseph H. Kestler, Hosterman.
- 1112 William Phillips, Locust.
- 440 Jasper Hinkle, Spruce.
- 288 Oliver Hunter, Cass.
- 814 Early Cogar, Woodrow.

FROM A SOLDIER

Mr. T. S. McNeel.

Dear Sir—I thought I would write you a few lines. We arrived all O. K. and 18 of us Pocahontas boys have been assigned to the Headquarters Company, 313 Field Artillery, and we have all gotten our uniforms and have been drilling some. We have all been making good at the drills. We were all vaccinated yesterday, for typhoid and small pox. It made some of the boys very sick, but I am still O. K. Homer Scott is on the sicklist today. We listened to a fine address this evening by our commander, Col. Henderson. He fought in the Spanish-American war, and is a fine man. The Red Cross Society gave us a fine reception at Ronceverte, and we had a fine trip all the way. The Pocahontas and Greenbrier boys were the only ones furnished with comfort kits and how the others did envy us. Thanks to the good ladies of the Pocahontas Red Cross Society, we find they contain just what we need.

CODY H. BELL.

Hdg. Co. 313 F. A. Camp Lee, Va.

Wilbur Haney, little six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Haney, of Thorny Creek, had both his legs cut off last Friday evening when he fell under a log train. He died from the injuries a few hours later. The little boy was playing near the railroad track when the Thorny Creek log train came by, and he attempted to get on the moving train. He fell and the cut was made over his legs, cutting one off above and the other below the knee. He was hurried to the Marlinton Hospital on a stretcher, but the loss of blood and the shock proved too much for him. On Saturday the little boy was taken to Barber, Va. for burial. Mr. Haney is conductor on the Thorny Creek log train in the employ of the Kendall Lumber Company. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

Miss Dove Kellison, of Watoga, died Sunday night, September 30, 1917, after a long illness, aged 29 years. Burial at the Marvin Chapel graveyard on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased was a daughter of Luther Kellison, and a sister of Miss Grace Kellison of Richmond, and J. Snodden Kellison of Buckhannon.

J. M. Bare, in reporting to the local board writes that he and all the Pocahontas boys got to Camp Lee in good shape, and that he and 42 others were assigned to Company F, 305 regiment, French Mortar Battery.

Remember Red Cross meets every Tuesday and Friday afternoon in the corner room on second floor of First National Bank building. Every woman in the town or county can do something for a soldier boy. Come and do your bit.

DIED—Mattie Williams, aged 53, in West Marlinton, October 1, 1917.

From the American Medical Journal, we learn that Dr. Norman R. Price has been assigned to Camp Lee as an eye doctor.

L. E. Gaylor, of Watoga, was in town today.

Miss Lillie Milligan is teaching the Dunmore school.

Odie Johnson has moved from the house on the hill.

Mrs. Colonel Miller, of the Levels, died last week.

A. W. Hannah, of Valley Head, was here Tuesday.

Well Ratliff, of Caldwell, is in town today. He is preparing to go to the Bald Knob Forest Patrol on Cheat Mountain next week.

ARRANGED HIS OWN FUNERAL

At the death of A. J. Smith, which occurred August 21, 1917, among his papers was found the following letter, addressed to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Smith, giving full directions concerning his burial. Mr. Smith was 78 years old at the time of his death, and the letter was written more than three years before.

As I feel somewhat strange and do not know results, I am going to write a few requests, and it is not my intention that any should see until due time. Emma, I will direct you to carry out my request. You all know where I am expecting to be laid in the end. I don't want an expensive burial for show. I want my sons-in-law and my two sons to carry my remains to the burial place, followed by my grandchildren, daughters and daughters-in-law, immediately in the rear of the children, three and three.

And before my coffin is lowered, and after the last look at my lifeless form, and my coffin is closed, I desire and earnestly request all who are present to occupy at least five minutes in silent prayer. Not for me, but for themselves. With bowed heads and cheerful hearts, remembering that God is ready and willing at all times and especially now, to free the soul from all sin and unrighteousness, and wash them white as snow. And all who hold hatred and malice against any one, knowing that the same hinders the progress of religion and at the same time dwarfs friendship between neighbors (which ought to be a source of great enjoyment while permitted to remain on this beautiful earth) should ask God to remove malice and hatred from their hearts and fill them with that love which caseth out all fear. God is love, and love is the fulfillment of His law.

Now I want a silent burial, nothing louder than the voice of the preacher in charge, making an appropriate closing prayer.

Before closing I wish to add that I feel sad, while I am writing, that all my life here has not been more fully spent in direct service of my Lord and Master; but it seems to me, that the love of God is so great to me, that the little I have done, but He has blessed me for what I would have done. I am very thankful to God, and may be the remainder of my few days that I survive, for His loving kindness to me.

I hope to meet all my dear children my grandchildren and their friends, everywhere, in that heavenly mansion prepared by God Himself from the foundation of the world. Quoting from Job: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another, though my reins be consumed within me."

"This life is a dream, an empty show, But the bright world to which I go Hath joys substantial and sincere: When shall I awake and find me there?"

"O glorious hour! O blest abode! I shall be near and like my God! And flesh and sin no more control The sacred pleasures of the soul."

"My flesh shall slumber in the ground Till the last trumpet's joyful sound: Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And in my Saviour's image rise."

The preacher in charge can read aloud what I have written.

A. J. SMITH.

READING CIRCLE

Program of Edray District Reading Circle at Marlinton Graded School building Saturday Oct. 6, 1:30 p. m. Text—Learning to Earn. Chapters 1-3.

The Purposes of Education—E. C. Smith.

Is our educational system adapted to our needs—discussion led by W. A. Hively.

The text asserts that the education of ninety percent of our people is sacrificed in order that the remaining ten percent may have the advantage of a thorough education.—Discussion led by Lillie Potts.

Less than one-half of our children complete the grades. What are the reasons and the remedies?—Discussion led by Mary Hannah.

Present School Problems—All. Let each teacher present a practical problem for discussion. G. D. McNeil, Chairman. Pearl Carter, Secretary.

Jasper D. Dilley tells us that his son Cecil is getting along nicely as one of Uncle Sam's marines. He is now in South Carolina, and is becoming expert in the use of the service rifle. He has a local reputation as a fine shot.

W. J. Hebb was giving up points on threshing buckwheat. He was raised up Preston county way where buckwheat is a staple, and they know how to handle it. Put a tight wagon body on a sled and drive to the shocks, handle the sheaves like eggs and stand them up in the bed. When the bed is full take a pitch fork and turn the times down, and hit each sheaf as you come to it. Then with the fork sift the grain from the straw. This is much faster, easier and better than the common method of falling.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. for the state of West Virginia, meets in Huntington next week. C. E. Dendson goes as a delegate from the Marlinton Lodge.

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BEE CULTURE

To the Beekeepers of West Virginia:

In view of the need for a greatly increased honey crop in 1918, beekeepers should at once complete preparations for winter so that every colony will be strong in bees next spring. These preparations should be made immediately, not to be misled into believing that no special care is needed in winter. Because of neglect at this time honey crops of the following year are often reduced one half and the ill effects of neglect are too well proven to be debated. Scarcely a winter passes that West Virginia beekeepers do not lose 10 percent of their colonies and usually 75 percent of the remaining colonies are reduced so that they cannot do their best the following summer.

For proper development in the spring, a normal colony of bees needs plenty of good stores, plenty of room for breeding and plenty of protection from cold and wind. In winter they need only the stores and protection, but if abundant protection is given, the room for spring breeding may also be provided at this time.

If bees are properly prepared for winter there is nothing a beekeeper can do which will benefit a normal colony from October 1 to swarming time.

It is suggested that each colony be given two live bodies (preferably 10-frame) the top body well supplied with stores in addition to what honey may be in the lower body. This arrangement will provide abundant breeding room and stores. Beekeepers hesitate to leave so much honey when they feel that they might sell it, but this honey is not wasted. In almost every locality strong colonies can gather enough extra honey in the spring more than to replace what is consumed in winter and by spring breeding. It often costs more to winter weak colonies than strong ones because weak colonies cannot

take advantage of the earliest honey flows.

Explicit directions for making winter packing cases are not necessary for any beekeeper can devise a suitable box. It is suggested that colonies be packed in groups of four with the hives touching each other, two facing east and two west, to reduce expense and labor. Packing should be provided on all sides, top and bottom. Four inches below, six inches on the sides and a foot on top will not be excessive. If the bottom or front of the hive is left unprotected, the bees will not receive full benefit of the other packing. Any packing material, such as sawdust, planer shavings finely cut straw or packed forest leaves, may be used and the case should be waterproof. Roofing over the cover is desirable. Some sort of tunnel through the packing is necessary for ventilation and to permit flights in good weather. With abundant packing a small flight opening is best. Do not make an alighting board on the outside of the case for it only serves to catch snow. Ventilation through an absorbent cover will do no harm but is not essential if abundant packing is provided. Wind protection is necessary and unless this is provided heavy packing is of little value.

The principles of outdoor wintering are discussed in Farmers' Bulletin 545, a copy of which may be had on request. Every beekeeper should pay special attention to wintering this year for the Nation needs a large honey crop next year. It will always pay to give attention to this part of beekeeping, which is too often neglected. Remember that proper wintering is simple and inexpensive in time and money since stores are saved spring manipulations are eliminated. The winter cases pay for themselves every year. You can carry no better insurance for a crop next year.

E. F. Phillips, Apiculturist.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Poage at Edray, September 27, a daughter.



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